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Selectmen's Minutes 04-12-2010

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, April 12, 2010

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Hurd and Ms. Rowe
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

First order of business tonight is to have an organizational meeting for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Mrs. Krepelka asked for nominations from the Board. Ms. Rowe nominated Ms. Mahon for Chairman and Ms. LaCourt for Vice Chairman. It was seconded by Ms. LaCourt for Chair and Mr. Hurd for Vice Chair. A roll call was called.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The organizational meeting was dissolved and Mrs. Krepelka handed the gavel over to Mrs. Mahon.

Recognition: Division I State Champions, Arlington Catholic Hockey Team
 Coach Dan Shine

The Board congratulated the Arlington Catholic Hockey Team for winning the Division 1 State Hockey Championship 5-1 against conference rival Archbishop Williams to capture the Division 1 State Title. The following students are Arlington residents:

Shawn Power, Sr. Defense, Captain
 Kevin Boudreau, Sr. Defense
 Brian Foran, Sr. Defense
 Jonathan Mancini, Sr. Defense
 Tim Demers, Sr. Forward
 Brian Ouelette, Jr. Defense
 Jon Henry Byrne, Soph. Forward
 Coaching Staff – Jim Hunt, Mike Martin and Tom O'Connor

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: March 8, 2010, March 22, 2010
 - b. Request: Hardy School PTO Walkathon, May 14, 2010, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 Betsey Crimmins, Chair
 - c. Request: One Day Beer & Malt License, 6/4/10, 'Mass' Album Release Celebration @ The Regent Theatre

Joseph Vadala, Event Coordinator

Mr. Hurd asked that it be tabled until the April 26th Agenda regarding non-profit alcohol licenses and asked that both theatre owners come to a future meeting

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Mr. Hurd abstained

- d. Request: Soap Box Derby, 6/6/10
Joseph Connelly, Director of Recreation
- e. Request: Farmers' Market 2010
Patsy Kraemer, Market Manager
- f. Approval: 2010 Patriots' Day Parade
Joe Marshall, Chair, Patriots' Day Parade Committee
- g. Reappointment: Conservation Commission
William O'Rourke
(term to expire 1/31/10)
- h. APPOINTMENTS
New Election Workers
Ruth Ann Carleton, R, Pct. 10
Bonnie Hayner, U, Pct. 19
William Hayner, D, Pct. 6
Carl Accardi, U, Pct. 7

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

- 2. Request: Naming Summer Street Sports Complex/Veterans Memorial Sports Complex
Renaming Veterans Memorial Skating Rink

John W. Hurd, Selectman

(tabled from 1/11/10 meeting)

Mr. Richard DeCaprio and Mr. Fred Dolan both spoke regarding Ed Burns and his 50 years of coaching at Arlington High School.

Mrs. Mahon stated that she would be willing to work with the Memorial Committee on the renaming and also mentioned that maybe the Committee could name a locker room or something in honor of John Carney who was the hockey coach at Arlington Catholic.

Mr. Hurd moved to refer to the Public Memorial Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

- 3. Vote: CDBG Requests for 2010-2011 Funding

Carol Kowalski, Director of Planning

Mr. Greeley asked why the Boys & Girls Club was not granted any funding to their request of \$50,000 for enhanced accessibility. Mr. Greeley would like to have something allocated to the Club for an entranceway and asked the Committee to reconsider their recommendations.

The Board thanked Ms. LaCourt, Mr. Hurd and Mr. Sullivan for the time and effort they put in to review everyone's request.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-1)

Mr. Greeley voted in the negative.

APPOINTMENTS

- 4. Appointment: Transportation Advisory Committee

Richard G. Turcotte

(open term)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

- 5. Appointments: Arlington Historic Districts Commission

David W. Baldwin

Jonathan Nyberg

(terms to expire 4/2012)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Appointments: Public Memorial Committee

Dennis Corbett

Richard Duffy

(terms to expire 4/2013)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Michael Quinn

(associate member for open term)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Appointments: Scenic Byway/Tourism/Economic Development Committee

Diane Mahon

Clarissa Rowe

Carol Kowalski, Planning Director

Roly Chaput, ARB member

Sharon Shaloo, Arlington Cultural Council member

JoAnn Robinson, Historical Commission

Thomas Davison

Daniel Hodge

Angela Olszewski – Ms. Olszewski term to start July 1, 2010.

(terms to expire 4/2013)

Michael Ginns

Howard Winkler

(associate members for open terms)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley stated he is thrilled that the Board has finally formalized efforts to nominate this group to explore our historic treasures. On Patriots Day Paul Revere and William Dawes will be arriving at 12 Noon and Mr. Greeley encourages everyone to attend.

LICENSES & PERMITS

8. Request: Common Victualler License

Neven Henen d/b/a I Chef, 1345 Massachusetts Avenue

Ms. LaCourt moved approval subject to conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Sean Harrington, 31 LaFayette St., appeared before the Board with a petition to establish daily voluntary recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at Arlington High School and Brackett Elementary School. He has 500 signatures and is planning on going to the School Committee soon. He asked for members of the Board of Selectmen to sign. Mr. Greeley and Mrs. Mahon signed the petition.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS10. Report: Preliminary Census Data

Jane Howard, Vision 2020

Mrs. Howard presented the Vision 2020's-2010 Preliminary Census Results from the mailing sent to all households. A total of 4657 Arlington households or 24% responded to the survey. The Board thanked Mrs. Howard and her committee for all their time and effort in doing the survey.

Recycling Committee, Sustainable Arlington and Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park

Gordon Jamieson

Mr. Jamieson stated he would like to announce the following set of events which are scheduled for the 1st weekend in May, 2010:

Spring Community Collection Day – Saturday, May 1st

Earth Day at Menotomy Rocks Park – Saturday, May 1st

Eco-Fest at Town Hall – Sunday, May 2nd.

11. Request: Residential Handicap Parking @ 89 Thorndike Street

Joanna Malinauska]

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. For Approval: Daytime Parking Permission @ 27 Acton Street

Corey P. Rateau, Traffic and Parking Unit

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. Traffic Supervisors

Roseann Casazza

Mrs. Casazza, President, Arlington Traffic Supervisors Union, appeared before the Board of Selectmen asking the Board to help them after the School Committee eliminated their jobs to help balance the district's budget. Mrs. Casazza stated they are putting the kids' lives in danger by doing this. She stated that she is here tonight on behalf of these women and men, but more importantly, she is also here on behalf of Arlington's school children. She asked for the Board's support of Article 68 which transfers the traffic supervisors from the school budget to the town budget and appropriate the \$250,000 needed to keep this vital public safety service intact.

Martha Scott a Traffic Supervisor at Park Avenue Extension and Summer Street stated many of the crossing guards develop close relationships with the children. She stated they get to know the children by their first names, their parents and grandparents. She stated she works 180 days aiding and protecting the school children.

Elizabeth Carr-Jones, member of the Transportation Advisory Committee stated they were working with the Traffic Supervisors/Principals regarding Safe Routes to Schools. They will be discussing this issue at their meeting on Wednesday, April 14th.

Mark Bernard, Staff Representative for AFSCME Council 93, stated that he feels that liability could pose a problem for the Town, but would present to Mr. Sullivan a contract language the group would be willing to accept if they were to be transferred from the school budget to the town's budget. Mr. Bernard asked the Selectmen to support Article 68.

Town Manager Brian Sullivan stated he feels the School Committee should rethink cutting the Traffic Supervisors. He believes they play a very important role. Mr. Sullivan stated that cuts are already being made in the Police Department's budget, and the town has transferred \$450,000 to the school department to help offset its multi-million budget deficit. Mr. Sullivan stated that he doesn't think it is far to ask the Town to give up more funds to address this issue.

Mr. Hurd stated that it is unfortunate that a safety issue is caught in the school budget woes and feels the safety of kids crossing is paramount.

Ms. LaCourt, Ms. Rowe and Mr. Greeley all stated they feel what the Traffic Supervisors do is invaluable to the Town and will try to work out a compromise with the School Committee.

Mrs. Mahon stated that she will urge the School Committee to reconsider the layoffs and will request that the School Committee look into using some of the money transferred from the Town to pay for the traffic supervisors. Mrs. Mahon stated the Board would communicate with the School Committee to have them restore the Traffic Supervisors to the School Budget.

Mr. Sullivan stated he also plans to send a request that some, if not all, of the traffic supervisors be retained.

Mr. Hurd moved to table.

SO VOTED (5-0)

14. Discussion: MBTA Bus Shelters

Laura Wiener, Transportation Advisory Committee

The TAC, Planning Department and Sustainable Arlington have all expressed interest in bringing bus shelters to Arlington.

Bus shelters provide a comfortable place to wait with seating coverage from the elements and useful route information and maps. The rationale is that by improving the overall transit experience bus shelters could encourage greater transit use and thereby reduce vehicle traffic and pollution.

Douglas T. Davidoff appeared before the Board and spoke in favor of the bus shelter programs.

Mr. Davidoff stated that he moved here from the Chicago area where bus shelters have become a frequent and rather handsome addition to the streetscape in all kinds of settings. He stated that they were especially welcomed by bus passengers and their advertiser support keeps them well-maintained.

The MBTA has guidelines regulating their ads that prohibit the following: ads for tobacco, ads that are demeaning or disparaging, contain profanity, depict firearms or violence, depict obscenity or nudity, ads for unlawful goods, services or conduct, contact political campaign speech, or false, misleading or deceptive commercial speech.

Phil Goff, a member of East Arlington Livable Streets Coalition, stated that he is supportive of bus shelters on Mass. Avenue.

The Board requested that Mrs. Mahon, Ms. Rowe, Laura Weiner and Brian Sullivan be on the committee to choose the location for bus shelters throughout the town. After the locations are picked Mr. Greeley asked Ms. Weiner to have the MBTA to come in for a Public Hearing to discuss the merits of bus shelters.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

15. Vote: Transportation Advisory Committee

Stop Sign on High Haith Road at Highland Avenue

Howard Muise

The following recommendation was unanimously voted by the Board:

1. Install a STOP sign on High Haith Road at Highland Avenue and on Spring Avenue (opposite High Haith Road) to provide the same traffic control on both minor streets.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

16. Presentation: Arlington Center-Alternatives to Sidewalk Riding

Scott Smith, Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee (ABAC)

Jeff Roth presented the ABAC report to the Board of Selectmen with several recommendations to make biking safe for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists in Arlington Center. One of several recommendations is to educate motorists on sharing the road and cyclists on safe riding practices. They feel this can be done via outreach in the schools, (starting in 4th grade) adult classes, education brochures and enforcement efforts that initially focus on education. In Arlington Center, once the shared lane arrows are in place on the road, ensure the prohibition on sidewalk riding is clearly posted. Also explore opportunities to integrate enforcement with community policing and traffic enforcement efforts.

Mr. Hurd feels the retiming of lights and the recommendations for signage could be implemented now.

The Board thanked Jeff and the ABAC for their excellent report/data and said they would support them in all their efforts.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

17. Mill Brook Linear Park Study

Ann LeRoyer, Open Space Committee

Brian Barber, member of the Open Space Committee and Mill Brook Linear Park Study, presented a report on their work over the past year to begin to document the current conditions, challenges and opportunities presented by Mill Brook. Mr. Barber stated that the recent storms and severe flooding draw additional attention to the need to incorporate careful planning for the brook into all future development in the area. The Committee is hoping that this report will be helpful in focusing awareness and concern on the ecological, historical, and cultural values of the brook, and its potential to become a catalyst for future enhancements as a linear

park, as well as an amenity for surrounding commercial, residential and transportation uses

Members of the Open Space Committee and the Mill Brook Linear Park Study Group will gather to walk the length of the Mill Brook corridor on April 24th and on May 1st from 2 – 4 p.m. on each day. On April 24th the group will gather at 2:00 p.m. at the Hurd Field parking area and on May 1st the walk will cover the area from Brattle St. to Meadowbrook Park located in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The group will gather at 2:00 p.m. at the corner of Brattle Street and Dudley Street.

The Board thanked Mr. Barber and his committee for an excellent report.

Ms. Rowe moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

18. FINAL VOTES AND COMMENTS

Article 13 Resolution/Medical Office Building Symmes

Mr. Hurd moved to table.

SO VOTRD (5-0)

Article 14 Local Acceptance/Stretch Energy Code

Article 15 Bylaw Amendment/Nuisance Fire Alarms

Article 16 Bylaw Amendment/Public Consumption of Marihuana

Article 17 Bylaw Amendment/Door-to-Door Solicitors

Article 18 Bylaw Amendment/Junk Dealers and Collectors

Article 20 Pay-as-You-Throw Trash Collection Program

Article 24 Home Rule Legislation/Tax Check-Off Program: Donation to the Council on Aging Transportation Fund
(tabled from 3/8/10 meeting)

Article 27 Home Rule Legislation/Group Insurance Program

Article 28 Acceptance of Legislation/Pension Liability Funding

Article 29 Transfer of Real Estate/Crosby School

Article 30 Transfer of Real Estate/Parmenter School

Article 31 Disposition of Real Estate/Crosby School

Article 32 Disposition of Real Estate/Parmenter School

Article 36 Bylaw Amendment/Canine Control

Article 37 Bylaw Amendment/Compensation of Selectmen

(tabled from 2/22/10 meeting)

Article 38 Bylaw Amendment/Electronic Pest Control Devices

Article 45 Revolving Funds

Article 46 Endorsement of CDBG Application

Article 51 Amend Personnel Bylaw/Vacation Time

Article 64 Appropriation/Takings – Safe Routes to School – Dallin School Area Sidewalks

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

(SO VOTED (5-0))

Correspondence Received

Kirsi Allison-Ampe
12 Brattle Terrace

Use of Town Reserve Fund

Be Rec'd

Nancy Rhoads, Chair
Arlington Human Rights
Commission

Invitation to Join National Stand
Against Racism Campaign

Be Rec'd

Governor Deval Patrick
Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray

Chapter 90 Funding, FY 2011

Be Rec'd

Jennifer Healy
20 Fairmont Street

Request: Dangerous Dog Removal

Be Rec'd

Arlington Bicycle
Advisory Committee

Considerations for Brigham's -
Millbrook Drive Redevelopment

Be Rec'd

Christopher Tonkin, Chair

Ms. Rowe moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Mr. Greeley thanked the residents for electing him to another three-year term. He also asked the Town Manager to look into why his opponent had access to a letter from DCR regarding the Massachusetts Avenue Corridor when no town official had a copy. Mr. Hurd stated he would like to have the residents of Pleasant St. come before the Board at a future date regarding speed limit signs on Pleasant St. that appear to be inconsistent – one is posted at 25 miles per hour and another 30 miles per hour.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 11:00 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator